

Day's Doings
From Nanaimo

A Singular Accident Occurs on One of the City Wharves.

Municipal Campaign is in Full Swing Amid Much Speculation.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 23.—A singular accident occurred at one of the wharves yesterday afternoon. The driver of a delivery wagon backed his horse into an open chute running down at a steep grade towards the water. Although the vehicle had but an inch or two to spare on each side, it ran straight down, without veering in the least, and so being stopped by the walls and plunged backwards into fifteen feet of water, dragging the horse with it. The unfortunate animal struggled desperately, but was held by the harness and was drawn under by the rig, which was heavily loaded with flour. Horse and rig sank to the bottom, and it being impossible to do anything, the former was drowned. The wagon was got out afterwards, its contents, of course, being destroyed.

Some little excitement was caused yesterday morning by a fire in the flue of the Vendome chimney. The hotel is situated in the Johnston block, a wooden structure, surrounded by valuable property, and itself an important building. Lawyers in upstairs offices and business men in the stores below, poured out in a considerable state of excitement. The fire department was quickly on the spot, however, and the incipient conflagration was extinguished before any damage was done.

The municipal campaign is in full swing at last. Householders are rushing in to register, and it looks as if there would be a contest in every ward, except possibly the North. The Middle Ward will have plenty of candidates to choose from, as the three sitting aldermen, Messrs. Booth, Barnes and Knarston, are going to start again, and Ald. Harris of the South Ward, is invading the territory of Mr. MacDonald, another candidate. In the South Ward Aldermen Wilson and Graham will run again, and ex-Alderman Johnson and Mr. J. D. Stewart are also candidates. In the North Ward Ald. Macdonald is the only candidate, and in the West Ward, Mr. J. D. Stewart is the only one. As each ward returns three aldermen, there will, therefore, be no contest in the North unless something happens between now and January 1st, which has been fixed as nomination day.

An examination of the municipal accounts for the year shows that it is a good thing for a city to own its waterworks. After paying operating expenses and the cost of permanent works, the city treasury receives profits to the amount of nearly \$10,000, a sum more than sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the debt incurred when the works were constructed. These, however, are provided for by a special rate, and the profits go into the general revenue. This is fortunate, as last year the overdraft at the bank was \$11,000, which has this year been cut off, and which will disappear altogether a year hence.

James A. Baker, of Sleone, whose appearance in the Colorado strike trouble seems likely to involve an interesting trial, is in London and Washington, is well known in Nanaimo, where he organized the union under the Western Federation of Miners. He is well remembered, as the organ of the steamship and Cumberland unions during the labor troubles of last spring, and who was also one of the star witnesses by whose testimony the labor commission was enabled to lay bare the extraordinary machinations of Estes and Meyer, by which a dispute on the C. P. R. was carried into the mines of this island.

List of Dead
About Forty

Further Particulars of the Disastrous Train Wreck on Baltimore & Ohio Line.

Terrible Accident Due to Breaking of Casting on Car of Bridge Timbers.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 23.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburgh to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plunged into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 this evening, and it is estimated that fully forty lives were lost and thirty persons were injured.

The train left Pittsburgh this evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When passing Laurel Run, which is a fine piece of roadway, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were plunged into their seats by the light-thrown from their seats by the light-plunging like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terrible crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeping and one dining car, and one carrying at the time at the lowest estimate 150 passengers. The train dived into a considerable pile of lumber, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine dived down the embankment to the edge of Youghiogheny River.

The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many passengers were pinned beneath the wreckage and the screams and cries that went the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and others plunged into the river. Others pinned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized cries for release.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist the injured from the wreck on account of dizziness and shock.

The most of the dead were foreigners, who were in the smoker, just back of the baggage car. They were literally roasted to death, the baggage and smoker telescoping the engine and immediately catching fire. Many of the bodies were burned to a crisp.

All the bodies were taken to the baggage room of the B. & O. depot to be removed later to different undertakings shops in the city. The entire population here gathered out en masse to assist in caring for the living and disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is that not a woman was seriously injured.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of castings on a carload of bridge timbers on the westbound freight train, which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the all-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to stop.

LIBERAL NOMINATED.
Hamilton, Dec. 23.—W. O. Sealy, of this city, was nominated by the Liberals yesterday for the House of Commons at the next general elections.

FATAL COLLISION.
Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 23.—A collision between two passenger trains on the Louisville & Nashville railroad is reported to have occurred near Birmingham, Ala., twenty miles from Birmingham. Engineer Wright was killed and several passengers were injured.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.
Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The grand jury indicted Mrs. Catherine Ray for murder. She was accused of having beaten to death her four-year-old niece, Marie Conroy. Mrs. Ray was at once arraigned before Chief Justice Jerome and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set for January 26th and she was remanded to jail.

FAVORABLE TO DREYFUS.
Believed that the Paris Commission will support M. Mercier's findings.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The Dreyfus commission today considered the report of M. Victor Mercier on evidence submitted by the War Minister Andre. A decision is not expected for some days.

LODGES IN TROUBLE.
Connecticut Branches to Secede From Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23.—Resolutions condemning both the grand and the supreme officers of the order and recommending individual action along the line of secession were presented today to a convention of delegates of thirty-five Connecticut lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen with every indication of their unanimous adoption.

LORD ABINGER'S WILL.
Leaves Everything Possible to His Mother.

London, Dec. 23.—The late Lord Abinger, who died in Paris December 12th from heart disease, in his will left everything possible to his mother, the new peer, with whom the deceased was not particularly friendly, gets only the strictly entailed property, about 25,000 acres in England. Lady Abinger, the deceased peer's mother, gets the historic Inverloch castle and the town house with its valuable collection of pictures and bric-a-brac.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—Samuel Lee, aged 30, shot and instantly killed Miss Florence Lee, aged 22, at his home here today, and then made a tragic effort to end his own life. Lee was a widower, and his sister-in-law had been his housekeeper. Today she announced her intention of marrying another man. After vainly trying to persuade her to marry him, Lee shot the woman four times, and then fired two bullets into his own breast. When neighbors broke into the house Lee snatched up a razor, and running into the street followed by half a dozen persons, slashed his throat.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

BUDGET OF NEWS
FROM LADYSMITH

Incorporation Committee Completes List and Requests Owners to Come.

Ladysmith, Dec. 23.—The following notice has been distributed in this town: "The incorporation committee, having completed the list of those entitled to sign the petition, request all who have registered deeds of their property in Ladysmith to call at Captain Dillon's office to sign petition for incorporation."

A splendid athletic tournament took place in Gould's hall on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of some exciting boxing bouts between Alf. Scully and Geo. Hanway, C. Sinclair and Geo. Grey, L. Swanson and Geo. Grey, and a wrestling contest, Geo. Grey vs. T. Swanson.

The whole thing, which was under the able management of Mr. Cariboo Sinclair, went off in splendid style.

VERDICT OF MURDER.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—The coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. C. W. C. Raves, whose charred remains were found by her husband, resulted in a verdict of murder. No arrests have been made.

TEMPESTUOUS VOYAGE.

New York, Dec. 23.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived tonight from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg after a very tempestuous voyage of seven days and four hours. Among the passengers were Sir Louis and Lady Jette and S. S. McClure.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 23.—M. Camille Barrere, the French ambassador, has sent a communication to the Italian government which says that the French government is now expected to sign an extradition treaty between France and Italy on the lines of the treaty recently signed between France and Great Britain. It is understood that such a treaty will soon be signed in Paris.

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SERIOUS STRIKE
ON IN PARIS

Bakers in French Metropolis Adopt Resolution in Favor of Movement.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The strike here of men employed in the Paris branch of the food supply assumed serious proportions today, when the bakers adopted a resolution in favor of a strike throughout the baking trade. They also decided in favor of a general strike of food workers, and announced their intention not to resume work until parliament suppressed the municipal employment agencies. The total number of food workers is 400,000. Squadrons of mounted troops and police are stationed in various places in the city. This afternoon the bakers attempted to make a demonstration in front of the Luxembourg palace, where the senate was sitting, but they were suppressed. Later the police prevented the gathering of them on the Place de l'Opera. The determination of the police to prevent the street demonstrations has had the effect of checking the strikers, discouraged the allied trades from joining it, and now leads to the belief that the strike will not spread.

PAPER COMPANY'S AFFAIRS.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the creditors of the American Pad & Paper Company today, Geo. Holbrook, of the American Writing Paper Company, was appointed chairman of a committee of creditors who will act in co-operation with the trustees in the disposal of the company's plant. A financial statement showed a deficit of about \$17,000. The company assigned several weeks ago.

PROFESSOR'S DEATH.

Berkley, Cal., Dec. 23.—Felix Packer, emeritus professor of Roman language and literature in the University of California, died today of apoplexy, aged 70. He was a native of France.

POLITICS HOT
IN THE EAST

A Number of Candidates are Nominated in the Ontario Constituencies.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—W. H. Pugsley, of Richmond Hill, was today nominated for the new riding, Centre York, to oppose Archibald Campbell, M. P., in the Conservative interest.

Embree, Dec. 23.—The writ issued by John McEvey, of London, against R. R. Ganev for \$10,000 for slander, was served at the Canada Atlantic station this afternoon as Ganev was leaving for a meeting at Douglas.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—West Huron Conservatives have nominated E. N. Lewis, mayor of Goderich, for the Commons.

GENERAL RAFAEL REYES.

Says "War With Panama Means War With the United States."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—"War on Panama means war with the United States," is the substance of a cablegram which General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, is sending to Bogota and his more influential followers throughout Colombia. He is convinced that the United States will not permit a Colombian army to land within the territory of Panama.

Despatches have been received by him causing him to hasten his work, and it is his present intention to return to Bogota as soon as he has filed his statement at the American State department.

In Colombian quarters it is pointed out that, unless General Reyes succeeds in that, the war party in Bogota will gain the upper hand.

Colon, Dec. 23.—The United States cruiser Olympia arrived here today. Other United States warships in the harbor are the Mayflower, the Prairie, the Atlanta, the Bancroft and the Nashville.

C. P. R. BRAKEMAN
LOSES HIS LIFE

Goes Overboard With Ore Car on Barge Which is Improperly Loaded.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 23.—E. Connelly, a brakeman employed at Slocan City, was killed last night by a car on which he was standing when the car dived into the water.

It appears that a train of six cars, loaded with ore for the "Trail" smelter, was being backed on a barge at midnight. Connelly was backing on the end car, and it appears that the coupling broke, and in the darkness the car slid over the end before the brakeman knew what was happening. The train crew knew nothing of the accident for some minutes afterwards, and when they discovered it they made a search by the light of torches. Nothing was to be seen, however, of the car or brakeman. Connelly was 25 years old and unmarried. The body has not yet been recovered.

LINCOLN'S LAW PARTNER.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—Hiram W. Beckwith, a law partner of Abraham Lincoln from 1856 to 1861, is dead, at the age of 72, here.

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Pale, sallow, velvet skin tells of a tired, sluggish liver and impurities in the blood, which will be entirely removed when Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are used. This great medicine awakens the action of the liver, invigorates the kidneys and regulates the bowels. As a result, digestion improves, the body gains strength and the health is benefited in every way.

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Ladies' 2-Clasp Real French Suede Gloves, finest fingers, silk embroidered backs; colors are Mode, Beaver, Tan, Pearl and Black; all sizes. A dollar. Glove for 75c	Men's Driving or Walking Gloves, extra heavy make, "Dent's" and "Fowne's" make, perfect fitting, all sizes, in Tan only. \$1.00	Children's Fine Kid Gloves for Girls or Boys, a little stronger make for the latter, in Tans and Browns sizes 1 to 6. Per pair 75c
The Westside Special Kid Gloves for Ladies, all shades, all sizes, every pair guaranteed. \$1.00	Men's Real Gazelle Buckskin Gloves in Grey, unlined, and Tan, silk lined, not all sizes in each color. Per pair \$1.25	Boys' Lined Kid Gloves, well finished, in all sizes. Per pair 75c
Per pair \$1.00	but all sizes in the lot. Worth \$1.50. SPECIAL. \$1.25	Boys' Lined Mocha Gloves, extra strong, perfect fitting. 90c. \$1
Ladies' Fine French Kid and Suede Gloves, in all the newest colorings, in either plique sewn or ordinary stitching, all sizes, every pair guaranteed. Per pair \$1.25	Men's White Kid Dress Gloves, in all sizes, perfect fitting. 50c 75c	Girls' Real French Suede Gloves, in Tans and Greys, made by "Dent's," all sizes. Per pair \$1.25

XMAS SALE OF UMBRELLAS

Men's Umbrellas	Ladies' Umbrellas	Ladies' Umbrellas
Mens' Umbrellas with Gloria covers and steel rods. Worth \$1.50 each. TODAY \$1.00	Ladies' Umbrellas, made from good Gloria cloth, with all the new novelties in fancy handles. Worth \$2.50. SPECIAL, TODAY \$1.50	Ladies' Umbrellas, made from the finest quality Gloria Cloth, the handles are 1/4 in. the latest Parisian styles, sterling silver mounted. Worth \$3.50. TODAY \$2.50

XMAS SALE OF HANDKERCHIEFS IN BOXES

Ladies' Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes	Ladies' Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes	Ladies' Handkerchiefs in Fancy Boxes
Beautiful Boxes containing 4 Fine Hemstitched, 1 Lace Edge and 1 Irish Embroidery Handkerchief. 1 Xmas Card, and 1 Bottle of Choice Perfume. TODAY 75c	Pretty Embossed Boxes, containing 6 Blue Ladies' Handkerchiefs, 1 Xmas Card and 1 Bottle of Choice Perfume. TODAY \$1.00	Handsomely Embossed Box containing 6 extra fine Handkerchiefs, 1 Xmas Card and 1 Bottle of Choice Perfume. TODAY \$1.25

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Silk Umbrellas.....	\$2.00 to \$12.00	Fancy Suspenders.....	50c to \$1.50
Fancy Vests.....	2.00 to 4.50	Sweaters.....	\$1.00 to 5.00
500 dozen Ties.....	25c to 1.00	Boys' Suits.....	1.50 to 4.75
Silk Handkerchiefs.....	35c to 1.00	Boys' Pea Jackets.....	1.50 to 2.50
Dent's Gloves.....	\$1.00 to 2.50	Boys' Raincoats.....	5.50 to 10.00
Mufflers.....	50c to 2.00	Suit Cases.....	2.50 to 20.00

68-70 Yates St., Victoria, B. C.

Proceedings in The Will Case

Mrs. Agnew Put Through an Exhaustive Cross-Examination Yesterday.

Application Regarding Examination of E. & N. Ry. Co.'s Books Next Monday.

When the Supreme Court trial of the will of Alexander Dunsinuir was opened yesterday morning, Sir Charles Hildart addressed his lordship, Mr. Justice Drake, regarding the matter of the examination of the books of the E. & N. railway company by the plaintiff's and intervenor's accountants. He said he had received a letter giving permission to make such an examination today at 11 o'clock and stated that this letter did not state any assurance that there would be any continuance of the examination allowed. He requested that this examination be made by an accountant and he named Mr. Griffiths for choice.

E. P. Davis, K. C., said that he could not see why this should be asked. Sir Charles ought to take the regular course and make an application in chambers. Sir Charles objected that this would involve delaying this over vacation. He wished, on behalf of Mrs. Joan Dunsinuir, to consult these books with respect to the transfer of the property from his client to James Dunsinuir.

His Lordship did not see how this would be material to the present trial. He admitted it might have a bearing on future actions, but could hardly be construed as affecting the validity of the will which was affected by this trial.

Sir Charles argued that for cross-examination of several of the witnesses, notably Mr. Pooley and Mr. James Dunsinuir, it was necessary to have these books examined, as otherwise his case would be prejudiced. He wished an application to be allowed before the trial judge in this matter.

His Lordship agreed to hear such an application on Monday next.

Sir Charles pointed out that this would afford very little time to make the examination before the trial resumed on Tuesday. He was agreeable to it if Mr. Davis whose cross-examination would be affected by the consultation of these books until an opportunity had been afforded his side to carry out the examination of the books.

His Lordship said he would give no such assurances.

His Lordship fixed Monday next as the time for the hearing of the application.

Agnew was called for cross-examination by L. P. Duff, K. C., and testified that she had known Mrs. Wallace for a long time. Prior to witness meeting Mr. Dunsinuir, Mrs. Wallace had been a frequent visitor at witness' house. Alexander Dunsinuir had his room at the Grand hotel. Mrs. Wallace had her rooms at the same place. Mr. Agnew knew witness' relations with Mrs. Wallace. Mrs. Wallace told witness that she expected to be married to Alexander Dunsinuir. Mrs. Wallace also told witness that the reason why Alexander Dunsinuir did not marry her at once was because he was afraid his mother would cut him off.

Witness saw Rev. Mr. Shaw a couple of weeks before the marriage. Did so at the request of Mr. Dunsinuir and Mrs. Wallace. Witness volunteered statement of relations between them, and told Rev. Mr. Shaw that they were living together under contract to each other.

No change in friendly relations occurred between witness and Mrs. Dunsinuir after the marriage and June, 1900. Mrs. Dunsinuir did write stating she was offended at something witness had done, which witness stated was her refusal to send Mrs. Dunsinuir her measure for clothes to New York.

Witness met Mrs. Dunsinuir and Mrs. Hopper on their return from New York. At request of Mrs. Dunsinuir witness had overlooked some alterations at San Leandro. After Mrs. Dunsinuir's return witness went to hospital for three weeks. Mrs. Dunsinuir did not visit witness at the hospital. Mrs. Dunsinuir did not seem ill when witness saw her. Learned from newspaper that Mrs. Dunsinuir was ill when witness was in hospital. Came from hospital with witness went to live at San Francisco and saw Mrs. Dunsinuir once in August and three times in September, 1900. Never saw Mrs. Dunsinuir again after the last interview in September, 1900. Tried to see her once, on her deathbed. Witness was not told Mrs. Dunsinuir refused to see witness, but was told that the doctor refused to allow her to see anybody. In 1900 Mrs. Dunsinuir asked witness whether she knew how many days the doctor had been at work at the old house furniture. Mrs. Dunsinuir's invitation was more on account of witness misunderstanding her instructions. Witness did not consider there was any coyness exhibited by either party on account of this incident.

It was always understood between Mrs. Dunsinuir and witness that when Mrs. Dunsinuir got married witness would cease her visits to the San Leandro farm. This understanding was arrived at during December, 1899, with both Mrs. Wallace and Mr. Dunsinuir. They objected, and Mrs. Wallace told witness that she considered her her only friend.

Certain circumstances occurred in September, 1900, which, in witness' opinion, estranged Mrs. Dunsinuir, because when witness left Mrs. Dunsinuir she asked her to telephone if she wanted witness. She never saw Mrs. Dunsinuir again.

Asked as to will Mrs. Wallace made it was either in the latter part of 1898 or the early part of 1899. The will was brought by Lawyer Boyd and signed by Mrs. Wallace. Witness was requested to witness this will. Mrs. Wallace handed will to Alexander Dunsinuir and told him to read it. Alexander Dunsinuir objected to it, tore it up and threw it in the fire. Alexander Dunsinuir said he would not allow her to leave any of the property to Mrs. Hopper.

Read in the papers about Mrs. Dunsinuir's last will and that is the only information witness ever got regarding that will.

Witness considered the coolness exhibited by Mrs. Dunsinuir was partly justified and partly not.

Witness saw Alexander Dunsinuir a great many times in bed at the Grand hotel. Mrs. Wallace would tell witness that he was ill from the effect of excessive drinking. Witness never saw him intoxicated when on his feet.

Witness had never consulted Wilson & Wilson regarding this case. Consulted with Mr. Charles Lovell on private business; it was not legal business. Witness would not go to the office in reply to a card from Mr. Lowe to make a statement in connection with this case. Had met Mr. Lowe on several occasions at the Grand hotel and at San Leandro. Witness had a boy employed at the office of R. Dunsinuir.

Pacific Bank Opens Branch

Provisional Board Will Open Offices in the City Sometime During Next Month.

Gentleman Prominent in Banking Circles Secured For Position of Manager.

The gratifying announcement was made yesterday by the secretary of the Pacific Bank of Canada that next month offices for the provisional board will be opened in this city. During the last session of the Dominion House an act was passed incorporating the bank with a capital of \$2,000,000. It was stated that the head office of the company would be in Victoria, and that the financial backing of the institution would be primarily in British Columbia.

The promoters have been fortunate in securing for the responsible post of general manager a prominent gentleman in

banking circles who is now manager of a large city bank, and upon whose shoulders will fall much of the arduous preliminary work entailed in launching a new financial institution in territory already covered by other banks.

The Pacific Bank of Canada will have peculiar claims upon the business men of this province, because of the disabilities under which investors in this province have labored in the past through a lack of knowledge by Eastern capitalists of conditions in British Columbia, and a consequent nervousness sometimes manifested when there was no real occasion for it. Unlike the Bank of British Columbia, which was nominally a British Columbia institution, but which had its head offices and directors' board in London, the Pacific Bank will have both in this province. It will enjoy the additional advantage also of a local directorate and branch in Montreal, the former composed of prominent business men of the commercial metropolis of the Dominion, who will be an invaluable assistance in maintaining close touch with Eastern business and Eastern investors.

Closed Saturday.—The local blacksmiths have decided to close their shops all day Saturday.

Special Christmas Services.—Considerable preparation is being made for special Christmas services at First Presbyterian church next Sabbath. The singing has always been very enjoyable

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- Novelty Trays.
- Vases.
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Local News.

Court Adjourned.—The County court
has adjourned until January 14th. All
the cases not disposed of will therefore
stand over until that date.

Funeral Yesterday.—The funeral of
the late Mrs. Bowes Haynes, Mrs.
choin, took place yesterday afternoon
from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. Re-
ligious services were conducted by Rev.
J. P. Westman.

Cowichan Elections.—The municipal
elections in Duncan will take place in
the middle of January. Alex. Herd for
reeve, in the place of John Evans, M.
P. P. will be opposed by Horace Davie.
J. W. Camell, councillor last year,
will stand again. He will be op-
posed by Harry Smith.

George Wrigley Ill.—A telegram re-
ceived from Toronto yesterday states
that George Wrigley, well known as
editor of the "Canada Farmer's Sun,"
Citizen and Country and the Canadian
Socialist, has burst a blood vessel in
his head and also suffered a stroke of
paralysis in his right side. His son,
G. Weston Wrigley, has been a resident
of Victoria for many years, and re-
cently accepted the editorship of the
State Tribune, at Wallace, Idaho.

Boilermakers' Meeting.—At the regular
meeting of the Brotherhood of
Boilermakers, held in the shipbuilders'
hall in Labor hall on Tuesday evening
last, the following officers were elected
for the ensuing term: President, J.
A. McDowell; vice-president, J. Han-
man; financial secretary, George Wat-
kins; recording secretary, E. Clyde; in-
spector, M. Baker; guard, A. Dewdney;
trustees, J. Latham, G. Greenwood and
A. Dewdney.

Swimming Certificates.—Certificates
to twenty-five boys of different schools
have been issued by Ian St. Clair, spe-
cial instructor in swimming. In order
to pass, the boys had not only to be
proficient swimmers, but were required
to be well acquainted with the method
of resuscitating a person apparently
drowned. The latter part of the exami-
nation was undertaken by Dr. Robert-
son. It is the intention that these ex-
aminations shall be held at the end of
each year.

Cumyow in Trouble.—W. Cumyow,
an educated Chinaman well known in
Victoria, is in trouble in Vancouver. In
company with a man named Wilcox, of
New Westminster, he was yesterday af-
ternoon arrested at Vancouver on
charge of "holding up" a plasterer by
the name of Coleman at the Golden
Gate hotel. The money which was
stolen was recovered. Cumyow, some
ten or twelve years ago, was sentenced
to a term of imprisonment for forgery,
the crime having been committed in Vic-
toria.

I. C. C. Society.—The proceeds of
the daily sale recently held by the I.
C. C. Society, as has already been stat-
ed in these columns, has been divided
between the Home for Aged and In-
firm Women and the Protestant Orphan-
society's Home. Some misunderstanding
seems to exist in the minds of some of
the charitable disposed as to how the
money has been spent. In connection
with the Home for the Aged. The por-
tion due this institution is being spent
by the society in installing electric
light in the Home, and not for Christ-
mas cheer for the inmates. Will those
who have heretofore donated such
Christmas gifts to the old ladies, please
note this fact, and further, that a con-
tinuation of their good services in this
matter is a matter most earnestly urged
and desired?

A Presentation.—The members of the
Fifth Regiment school of instruction
at the Drill hall on Tuesday evening
presented Regimental Sergeant-Major
Mulehly with a handsome salad bowl
as a slight token of their esteem and
gratitude and with the season's com-
pliments. The address was signed by
Gr. C. S. McKilligan, Act. Sergt. H. G.
Ware, F. W. Heathcote, Gr. A. B.
Stewart, C. E. Lawson, H. Nesbitt
(Sergeant), Moses Doyle, Rudolph Mar-
tinson, D. A. McNaughton, C. McNaughton,
A. Brayshaw, R. B. King, J. Har-
ris, Act. C. S. M., and Gr. Woolson.
In reply the sergeant-major thanked
them, and stated that he valued the
bowl, not for its intrinsic value, but for
the kindly feeling which it bore to-
wards him. He then turned towards the
Fifth Regiment and the members
of the school of instruction in particular.

Registration of Voters.—Registration
of voters who wish to exercise the
franchise under the householders' qualifi-
cation is proceeding somewhat slowly
at the city hall. Up to noon yester-
day about 550 had qualified. There are
main seven days in which this can be
done, and it is urgent that those who
have not qualified should visit the city
assessor's office before the time ex-
pires. Last year about thirteen hundred
persons qualified at the city hall.
The mayor's voters' list contained 4,425
names, which was exceptionally large.
This was due to the activity of the rival
candidates and their supporters who
canvassed the municipality pretty
thoroughly. It is hardly likely that the
vote for mayor this year will be as big
as in the last municipal contest, but it
doubtless will be a large one.

Point Ellice Bridge.—City Engineer
Topp is highly pleased with the manner
in which work is proceeding at the new
Point Ellice bridge. The floor system is
half way across the Arm, which, in
view of the fact that operations only
began a week ago last Saturday, is
quite gratifying to the authorities. It
is the intention to grace the structure
with a fine boat landing at the eastern
end to which steps will descend from
this approach. The bridge will have a
grade of about three feet and a half. It
is expected that it will be open for traf-
fic in a month or six weeks. Work in
connection with the construction of the
new landing for the James bay retaining
wall is now in progress. Stone is being
taken from Schl's point and conveyed
by the scene of construction work, where
the derrick is already in position. It
is the intention to prosecute this undertak-
ing with all possible despatch.

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Car Service.—Last evening the car
service was taxed to its utmost capacity.
The "Willows" car, which was due to
leave the city at 8:30, and got away at
6, had 87 passengers, and the cars on
the other routes were equally crowded.

L. O. O. F. Meeting.—Columbia Lodge
1, O. O. F. held its regular weekly
meeting yesterday evening. The third
degree was conferred upon a member,
and after the serious business had been
transacted, the remainder of the evening
was spent in a social manner.

Sale Postponed.—The sale by auction
of the shares in the Roberts-Kitchener
mines, held by the late Hugh Grieve,
was postponed by Sheriff Ritchie yester-
day. Deceased owned 100,000 shares,
but the bidding was so backward that
it was decided to postpone the sale until
another date.

Busy Streets.—The fine weather is
having a most beneficial effect on the
streets. Yesterday afternoon and evening
the principal streets were thronged
with a busy crowd of shoppers, and
many of the stores exhibited in win-
dow displays of doing a large and
profitable business.

Record Season.—Should today prove
as fine as the preceding days of the
week, there seems to be every proba-
bility that the business done as a
whole throughout the city will be a
record-breaker. Many of the merchants
have expressed their opinion that a bet-
ter season has never before been expe-
rienced.

Married at Fernie.—E. L. Wriggles-
worth, of Fernie, and Mrs. Wriggles-
worth, arrived in the city on Tuesday
evening from Fernie, where they were
married on Wednesday last. They in-
tend spending several weeks here. Mr.
Wrigglesworth is manager for Wriggles-
worth & Co. contractors for the Crow's
Nest Coal Company for the coke ovens at
Michel. His bride was a Miss A.
B. Ferguson, a popular and accomplished
young lady of Fernie.

Tourist Association.—Preparations
are already being made by the Victoria
Tourist Association for the work of a
new year. The annual meeting of the
association will be held about the end
of the month, when it is anticipated
that a number of new proposals for ad-
vertising the city will be discussed. The report
of the secretary, H. Cutburt, on the
work of the society during the past season
will also be read. It is probable that
a number of new suggestions will be
made by Mr. Cutburt in reference to
the steps to be taken next year for in-
ducing tourists to visit Victoria.

Christmas Tramway Service.—A re-
duced service will be operated on the
holidays by the tramway company. Cars
will start in the morning at 9 a.m., and
continue until the usual times. On
Port street a twenty-minute service will
be given. Oak Bay cars will leave the
corner of Yates and the end of the line
at 10 a.m., and every thirty minutes thereafter;
Willows' cars leave on the even hour
and every thirty minutes thereafter;
Douglas street, Beacon Hill, Spring
Hedge and other usual routes, half-
hour service, cars leaving the city and
Esquimalt on the hour and half hour.

Amateur Orchestra.—Attention is
drawn by Dr. Cutburt, the secretary of
the Amateur Orchestra, to the fact that
it is impossible to carry on the work
of the society without funds. Hence a
subscription of \$2.50 and \$5.00
per annum, respectively, is to be levied
on the playing members. To those
subscribing the larger amount two tick-
ets, for the concert, are given. The
secretary claims, and very fairly, that
the tuition alone from the conductor
is worth part of the subscription. To
those subscribing asked for, especially in
view of the fact that, for the present, Mr.
Watkins is doing the work for no re-
muneration whatever. It is most ear-
nestly hoped by the committee in charge
that the subscription fee will not debar
any of those invited from actively
identifying themselves with the under-
taking.

Presented With Medals.—Secretary
George Hadfield of the lately held fifth
congress of the Chambers of Commerce
of the Empire has forwarded to C. F.
Todd, president and F. Elworthy, sec-
retary of the Board of Trade and In-
dustry, a letter in which he presented
the following letter: "I am sending you
by registered mail a bronze medal which
was struck by order of this committee
to commemorate the holding in this city
of the first of the fifth congress of the
Chambers of Commerce of the Empire,
it being the first of these con-
gresses held outside the Mother Coun-
try. The committee asks your accept-
ance of this medal in token of the ap-
preciation of its services, and in recog-
nition of its service in connection with
the visit to your city of the over-sea
delegates to the congress."

"Eljiali" Dowie's Trip.—Rev. R. M.
Simmons, elder of the Vancouver
branch of the Christian Catholic
church in Zion, has received the fol-
lowing telegram from John Alexander
Dowie: "Owing to the uncertainty
concerning the sailing of the Moana, I am
compelled to go via San Francisco.
I regret I cannot sail from Van-
couver. Give all my hearty love, say-
ing I hope to visit them en route to
China next winter." Immediately Rev.
Mr. Simmons cancelled the contract
which had been made for the use of the
Vancouver opera house on January 6th
and 7th. He stated that in spite of the
decision announced in the telegram, an
effort would be made to induce Dowie to
make a special trip from San Francisco
to Vancouver ere he sails from the
former city for Australia. It is just
possible, therefore, that the cancelled
addresses will yet be re-arranged.

The Anthracite Beds.—Frank Little,
the superintendent of the Wellington
Company's mines, who has recently
returned from Coeur d'Alene, says that satis-
factory progress is being made in the de-
velopment of the anthracite coal beds.
The extent of the beds, he says, is
probably about 800 or 1,000 acres. The
coal averages about 4 feet in thickness,
also, so that there is a very considerable
deposit from which to draw. Shipment
work has not yet been done to allow
of much coal being taken out. The qual-
ity, however, is very satisfactory, and
when enough has been mined it will be
put on the market. It is expected that
the anthracite will find a ready market
for household purposes, being free from
the objectionable smoke which accompa-
nies the softer coal. It is also well
adapted for use on locomotive engines.
The new field when fully developed will
be a valuable asset to the coal trade from
Vancouver Island, and will add to its
present reputation in this respect.

Reduced Tourist Rate.—The Tourist
Association has succeeded in getting the
C. P. R. to make a special tourist rate
to Victoria during the holidays. Some
time ago the secretary drew the atten-
tion of the C. P. R. officials to what
appeared to be a plain case of discrimi-
nation against Victoria in favor of Van-
couver. This was the allowing a rate
of one and one-third fare from all sta-
tions as far East as Winnipeg to Van-
couver, and a public holiday ticket good
for ten days. The perseverance of the
association has at last resulted in ac-
tion being taken by the C. P. R., and
the reduced rate tickets will now be
good right through from Winnipeg to
Victoria. The information is contained
in the following letter from H. H. Ab-
bott, the local agent of the company, to
the secretary of the association: "Dear Sir:
I beg to advise that rates have been
put in between Victoria and Van-
couver at the rate of fare and one-
third for the round trip during the hol-
idays, and I trust this will be satis-
factory to you."

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Income Increasing.—The income of
the B. C. Permanent Loan and Savings
Co. for the three months ending Novem-
ber 30th, amounted to \$209,021.85. This
is a big increase on any similar period
in the past. From present indications
the officers expect that the December
income will exceed the highest record
made in the past.

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Many Orientals Are Going Home

Large Increase in Homeward Travel of Both Chinese and Japanese.

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The steamer City of Puebla, which was to have sailed for San Francisco on Christmas Day, will not leave until the day following, when she will take the ocean route at 5 p.m. The steamer Valencian will also sail on Saturday. She goes to Skagway and Alaskan ports.

The steamer Kiojin Maru, of the N. Y. K. line, arrived at Yokohama from this port on Sunday last.

The steamer Hiojin Maru, which was lying at Yokohama discharging general cargo from Puget Sound, has been damaged, according to a cable received by the Merchants' Exchange from Yokohama. She sustained injuries to her hull and two of her plates were cracked. She has gone on the dry dock for repairs, which will cost \$5,000.

The steamer Olympia is due from Yokohama and Chinese and Japanese ports, and the steamer Miwera from Sydney, Brisbane, Suva and Honolulu.

The steamer Oscar arrived from the Sound yesterday.

The steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday brought a large shipment of goods from the East, which she shipped at the ocean docks on the Blue Funnel liner Peleus, which is on her way from Liverpool to this port.

The steamer Onaka, of the China Mutual line, is on her way from San Francisco to this port, having sailed yesterday. She took 6,000 tons of cargo from Yokohama to the Golden Gate, and comes here to discharge naval stores and general cargo for Victoria merchants brought from Liverpool.

The increased Chinese travel to the Orient on account of the approach of the Chinese New Year, which occurs about two months following the Christmas season, has commenced. The steamer Empress of India of the C. P. R. line, which sails on Monday, and the steamers Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, and the Aki Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, which sails on Tuesday next will all have large complements of Orientals, for besides the Chinese there is a rapid increase of Japanese passengers. The Japanese are coming to the Orient in large numbers, and the situation vis-a-vis Russian aggression in this connection the Seattle Post-Intelligencer says:

"The heavy proportion of Japanese to Chinese passengers is an exciting comment among passenger officials. It is estimated for the steamship companies to carry large lists of Chinese homeward bound after the season's work in canneries, railroads, and other industries is ended, and almost invariably the returning Chinese far outnumber the Japs.

"Passenger men have attempted to account for the big exodus of Japs on the ground that they have accumulated enough money to make a return trip. The steamer fare on the Oriental liners is under \$40, and this is enough to allow almost any Oriental laborer who has been in the country for a year or more to return. To some extent the Japanese travel is accounted for by this process of reasoning.

"There are, however, traffic officials who read in the return of the Japanese the fear among Japs of this country that their services at home will be required by the threatened conflict with Russia. There is not much upon which to base a theory of this kind, for the returning Japanese passengers are uncommunicative, and passenger men as a rule do not accept this theory.

"Chinese travel toward the Orient is always heavy during the early winter months. Many Chinese who have been employed throughout the summer find the time propitious for making a trip to their homes, and hundreds who intend to return to the Orient to reside permanently defer the trip until the last chance of continuous employment is gone."

REPAIRS TO MOANA.

Novel Coffin Dam Has Been Fitted to the Hull of the Liner.

Work on the steamer Moana at the Esquimalt marine ways, is expected to commence today. The coffin dam, which has been built by the Esquimalt company for the work of repairing the steamer, owing to the fact that she was unable to secure the dock as a result of the injuries to the cruiser Flora, has been fitted to the damaged stern of the liner, and yesterday the repair crew were at work pumping out the big coffin dam with the steam working pumps. The liner is a novel contrivance, a large wooden box like the four walls of a house, only very much stronger than the ordinary lumber. On one side a place is cut away to fit the stern part of the steamer, and when the coffin dam was sunk at the stern of the vessel, and fitted to the liner, it was well ballasted and then the pumps were set to work to dry it. It is expected to be dry this morning, and then the workmen will go down into the coffin dam to effect the necessary repairs to the rudder post, propeller and side of the liner, which were damaged as a result of the collision with the liner. The liner is a novel contrivance, a large wooden box like the four walls of a house, only very much stronger than the ordinary lumber. On one side a place is cut away to fit the stern part of the steamer, and when the coffin dam was sunk at the stern of the vessel, and fitted to the liner, it was well ballasted and then the pumps were set to work to dry it. It is expected to be dry this morning, and then the workmen will go down into the coffin dam to effect the necessary repairs to the rudder post, propeller and side of the liner, which were damaged as a result of the collision with the liner. The liner is a novel contrivance, a large wooden box like the four walls of a house, only very much stronger than the ordinary lumber. On one side a place is cut away to fit the stern part of the steamer, and when the coffin dam was sunk at the stern of the vessel, and fitted to the liner, it was well ballasted and then the pumps were set to work to dry it. It is expected to be dry this morning, and then the workmen will go down into the coffin dam to effect the necessary repairs to the rudder post, propeller and side of the liner, which were damaged as a result of the collision with the liner.

While the Moana was lying alongside the wharf of the marine ways at Esquimalt, the doctor had a narrow escape from being severely burned, and as it was he had his whiskers badly singed. He had fallen asleep and left a spirit lamp burning. This fell over and set fire to the cabin. The interior fittings and contents being burned as a result.

A NERVOUS MARINER.

How Capt. Wheeler, Whose Sons Reside Here, Saved the Steamer Glenariff.

The coolness with which British seamen approach the most trying trials have been shown by the behavior of Capt. Wheeler of the City of Cork Steam Packet Co.'s steamer Glenariff, which struck a rock off the Irish coast when bound from Liverpool to Cork, and was taken to a beach by her master with the decks awash and the steamer gradually settling in the sea. Capt. Wheeler has two sons in British Columbia and his wife and daughter are in the Colonist staff, and another an accountant of the White Pass and Yukon railway at White Horse, and the story of his cool bravery in beaching his vessel after she struck, will therefore have a local interest. Capt. Wheeler was below at his breakfast, when the ship struck. She was going at a rate of 13 knots an hour when she struck the rock and tore along it, causing considerable injury to the hull. She slid over into deep water, and when Capt. Wheeler ascertained the extent of the damage as soon as he came on deck, he had all the boats leaving the vessel at once, and the steamer immediately of the same line, which was seen to the southward, was signalled to stand by. The Glenariff made water rapidly despite all that

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could be done to stop the intruder, and Capt. Wheeler made for Queenstown harbor to beach the vessel. As she proceeded the vessel settled quickly, the lower deck being awash as he nears the harbor. As the Cork Examiner says: "It is undeniable that Capt. Wheeler made the very most of the conditions he was called upon to face, and in beaching his vessel where he did he displayed a calmness and firmness of purpose which won for him general admiration." The Irish paper further tells of how the coolness of Capt. Wheeler prevented a panic among the passengers, and aided all on board to maintain a coolness in the trying circumstances. A fact which shows how calmly the officers behaved in the face of the disaster, and how the passengers and took up the tickets when the water was level with the lower deck.

ALSTERNIE CHARTERED.

The German ship Alsternie, the large carrier, which has been lying idle in Esquimalt since her arrival from Ketchikan after a stormy passage some weeks ago, has been chartered to load lumber on the Sound by W. R. Grace Co. for Callao. The ship Portevolt, which had been lying in the harbor since she discharged the cargo of rails brought from Europe was yesterday towed to the Sound by the tug Lorne to load lumber. There are now fewer sailing vessels en route to British Columbia ports than has been known for years. Outside of the two loaded ships, the Hongmont, now out 30 days, and the Celtic Monarch, which has just started her voyage, there are but a few carriers in ballast en route. The round-the-world steam freighters and the great decline in the rates for sailing vessels have caused the falling off in the number of vessels en route. In the Far East and west results, the charters of tramp steamers will follow the rates should the market for freight market to approach its former condition.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office.
Victoria, Dec. 23.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

The high barometer area mentioned yesterday still hovers over the Pacific Slope, where it is causing fair weather except in Cariboo, where it is snowing. The winds are light to moderate on the entire coast. From the Rockies eastward to Manitoba the weather is mild.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	37	47
New Westminster	38	47
Ramooops	26	34
Barkerville	24	30
Calgary	12	38
Winnipeg	18	38
Portland, Ore.	38	48
San Francisco	46	66

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Light or moderate winds, generally fair, stationary or lower temperature.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and moderately cold.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.

Deg.	Deg.
5 a.m. 40	Mean 42
Noon 44	Highest 46
5 p.m. 44	Lowest 37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. Calm.

Noon 2 miles southeast.

5 p.m. 2 miles east.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.

Sunshine—12 minutes.

Barometer at noon—Observed 30.532

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AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

Miss Florence Roberts and her capable little company played a Queen Anne, or Georgian, love comedy last evening at the Victoria opera house to a rather better attendance than on the two previous appearances.

It was evident that whatever the powers of the company may be in American plays of humor and pathos, they were hardly in their element last evening. The piece went somewhat tamely until the third act, and even that was by no means what might have been expected from the elaborate production. The piece is, seemingly, the work of an American playwright; the scene is England, and the time either that of Queen Anne or the early Georges.

The piece sounds like an American's notion of eighteenth century English society, and is vastly different from not even a good imitation of the exquisite little comedies in which Mr. E. S. Willis, John Hare, and even Barry Sullivan ("The Gambler") are, and were, accustomed to charm critical English audiences. True, in "Peggy Thrift" there are not wanting lines containing a good deal of the quiet, pleasant humor of the old plays; but it is, on the whole, a slight piece indeed; considerably too much elaboration of a somewhat trivial theme.

Miss Roberts, as Peggy, gave a thoroughly nineteenth century American girl rendering of the somewhat unimportant lines of eighteenth century English Peggy; and her voice and action recalled the skittish Lotta, who at sixty used to play the hoyden like a kitten. With the exception of Mr. Yearne, who as Moody had a heavy father's part, and played it with energy and skill, the men folk of the play seemed rather stiff and unused to their lines. The thankless part of Beau Sparkish, by Mr. Lucius Henderson, was well done, and no blame to him that an irreducible suspicion of the whole thing being forced and strained held the audience from any display of enthusiastic approval.

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Tell of the Richness of
Bullion Creek.

Schist Bed Bears Strong Re-
semblance to That of
Cariboo.

White Horse, B. C., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Louis E. Belney, a reliable prospector, who has returned to the White Horse from the claim located by him on Twelfth of July Creek, in the Alsek district, brings further advice regarding the richness of the new diggings. He was one of those who stampered to Bullion Creek and secured a claim as he was amongst the first of the stamperers to reach the creek after the discovery had been reported, having gone over from Twelfth of July with other prospectors from Ruby, who were camped on the latter. Porter, who was the first White Horse prospector to locate on Bullion, having by accident found the discoverers from Haines' Mission, Smith, Ater, Bone and Altomero, working on their claim, as they were travelling to the creek to record, and some of the Ruby creek party on the trail and informed them of the location of Bullion creek. Consequently these prospectors were able to reach Bullion, as the distance from Ruby is less than 100 miles by way of Bear Creek, in advance of the first party of stamperers from White Horse.

In an interview Mr. Belney said that, with regard to his work on Twelfth of July, he had sunk several prospect holes but had not reached bedrock in any of them, although in one he had exposed rimrock, and from all indications expected bedrock would be exposed at a depth of about 15 feet on his own claim. He described the prospects he obtained from working the gravel in several pans as being sufficiently good to warrant him in saying that the indications pointed to the discovery of good pay on bedrock. The bedrock, he says, is a schist, dipping almost vertically, and, therefore, when exposed in the creek channel, the laminae formed by the schistosity will be found to have acted as a riffles and consequently held the gold.

With regard to Bullion creek, he confirms the stories of other prospectors as to the results from panning on discovery claim at the hole from which Smith and partners took out 40 ounces of coarse gold. He describes the creek as having every appearance of yielding good returns if properly worked, and as being an excellent poor man's proposition, because the depth to bedrock is evidently shallow. Schist, he says, is the prevailing bedrock, but in places on the creek the bedrock is evidently composed of a massive rock with smooth floor, which, of course, will not hold gold in the manner the schist tilted up on edge will. With regard to the question of timber for fuel to thaw out the gravel, he says that below discovery there is ample, but above it is very scarce, though nature has very generously provided a substitute by depositing some seams of coal so favorably situated with regard to the claims above discovery that in his own words, "every prospector can dig his own coal."

In conversing about the new district Mr. Belney impresses his hearers quite favorably because he expresses conservative views and also has made such intelligent observations with regard to the formations and general character of the country.

From his description of the schist bedrock so common in the district, the writer judges that it bears a strong similarity to the Cariboo schists which prevailed on the creeks from which the millions of placer gold produced in the Cariboo country in British Columbia were mined from 1854, and pay is be-

ing taken even at the present day. The presence of garnets in these schists in large quantity is a distinguishing feature in both the new White Horse placer district and Cariboo country. The same character of schist also occurs frequently as the bedrock of creeks which yielded rich returns in placer gold in Georgia, Alabama and other southern states, where it was discovered as early as 1827 and furnished all the gold used in the United States until the California discoveries in 1848 caused the almost entire abandonment of the southern mines.

CLIMBED THE WALL.

Alden Davidson, who was arrested by the detectives on a warrant from Vancouver charging him with being implicated in a recent robbery which occurred at the Terminal City, escaped from the city lock-up at 7.30 yesterday morning. He was in the yard of the lock-up, a small cement floored yard surrounded by high walls at the back of the civic prison when he was missed. Investigation by the jailer showed that he had secured a ladder and a plank which had been left in the yard by a trusty who had used them for the purpose of washing windows. With the assistance of the ladder and the plank the prisoner had reached the top of the high wall and made his way over the surrounding buildings which form part of the city hall block. No trace of him has since been found. The police are searching for him. The escaped prisoner, who has been in the city for some days past living in a room for some time past living in a room on Douglas street and consorting with idle characters, is a young man, and seemed to have no occupation. In this connection he told those who associated with him that he "did not have to work as his people sent him money and they were well off." He is a man about five feet ten inches in height and is smooth shaven and has a fair complexion.

TROOPS RACING ACROSS CANADA

R. G. A. Being Hurried Across
the Continent as Military
Experiment.

Much interest is being felt amongst the officers and men of the garrison at Work Point in the experiment now being made by the troops described in the Colonist, in racing the draft across the continent to relieve No. 19 company, which leaves on Monday by the R. M. S. Empress of India for Hong Kong. For some time past the Imperial authorities have been in the habit of moving the garrisons on about the seven seas, so that each garrison will girdle the Empire, and incidentally the world, before arriving home again, and now the time has arrived for a new draft to go to Halifax and No. 58 company, R. G. A., will come to Work Point. Advantage has this time been taken of the change in the garrison to try the experiment now on of racing the troops across Canada by the Canadian Pacific and the government railway in the maritime provinces against time. The train will run through Canadian territory throughout. Attached to the train are cars in which hand-mocks have been hung for the accommodation of the artillerymen, the idea being to test this mode of travel so that in the event of war freight cars could be quickly made ready in this way for the transport of troops without having to wait until colonial cars could be secured.

The company which is retiring from Work Point is busily engaged in preparing for the departure, and on Monday next they will be ready to march away to the ocean dock, where the embarkation will take place on the steamer Empress of India, in which quarters are being made for the forces, in fact the millions of placer gold produced in the Cariboo country in British Columbia were mined from 1854, and pay is be-

The Christmas Meat Markets

Great Displays at all the Principal City Butcher Shops.

They Report the Season's Trade
the Best in Many
Years.

One of the finest meat market displays in Victoria is that at Messrs. H. Porter & Sons, established next the postoffice. Round the sides are hung sides and quarters of beef in most imposing array, dressed carcasses of sheep, fat hogs and haunches of veal, in fact everything to raise Christmas strength in the mind of the customer. One of the sights is a huge beef hung up in the middle of the store, the immense proportions of the carcass exciting much comment. At Messrs. Porter's other store on Douglas street, an almost equal good show is given, but there the hordes of admiring customers have already reduced the exhibit materially. Still it is a show worth a visit.

B. C. MARKET COMPANY.
Excellent taste has been shown in dressing the fine store at the corner of Government and Yates streets occupied by the British Columbia Market Company. The display of dressed meats is skillfully dressed and decorated, of juicy muttons and prize hogs is second to none in town. The staff who were responsible for decorating the store Christmas deserve all praise on the result of their efforts. The company is doing a splendid Christmas trade, better in fact than for some seasons past.

L. GOODACRE & SONS.
Thousands have flocked to admire the grand show at Goodacre's store, corner of Government and Johnson streets. Not for many years has anything so fine been seen here in meat market decoration. The collection of first-class beef muttons and poultry, including domestic and imported turkeys, is really splendid. Evergreens, holly and colored paper have been used with great taste in heightening the effect presented by the meats. The firm is doing a splendid Christmas trade, and it is probable that by closing time tonight there will be very little of the fine stock left.

THE PEOPLE'S STORE.
The crowds of people continually passing in and out of this already popular store is an indication of the bargains that are to be had in nearly all kinds of dry goods and haberdashery. Conspicuous in one of the windows is a large and most beautiful doll, which is to be given away to some lucky little lady and accounts for the hosts of the little lady folks to be seen each day in front of the window.

JAMES MAYNARD.
Among the many beautiful show windows in the city those of James Maynard's boot and shoe store, Old E-a-nard's block, Douglas street, takes no second place. His fine display in all kinds of boots, shoes and slippers, appropriate for holiday gifts, is unexcelled and well worth seeing. The success made in his business should be a sufficient guarantee of his ability to supply honestly to the needs of the public. When climbing up the golden stairs a nice little pair of Maynard's golden slippers would considerably accelerate your ascension. Call and see his show windows.

CAMPBELL'S.
Every description of high-class wear for ladies is to be found displayed either in the windows or inside Campbell's well-known dry goods house on Fort street, opposite the Five Sisters' block. Some very fetching evening wear effects are shown in the windows, and others suitable for the festive season. The firm is enjoying a very fine trade.

CLAYTON'S.
For fine jewelry and nick-nacks Clayton's jewelry store on Fort street deserves special mention. The stock is large, well-selected and varied, and the prices are equal to any in the city, and reasonable. Mr. Clayton has built up a fine business by pleasing his customers, and that is why his store is so well patronized at the Christmas season.

CLAYS.
Good things to eat are to be found in plenty at Victoria's famous pastry-cook, Clay's, on Fort street. The quality of the goods supplied at that popular establishment is too well known to call for notice here. Clay's is not only one of the great afternoon tea rendezvous of the city, but headquarters for much of the Christmas shopping. The windows are very handsomely dressed for the occasion.

PELL'S.
At the corner of Broad and Fort streets will be found Pell's grocery store, where they purvey all sorts of nice things for the Christmas table. The windows at Pell's are very prettily dressed with high-class decorations, holly and other seasonable decorations, and present a most attractive appearance to the passer-by. The firm, as usual, is exceedingly busy with its generous share of the city's Christmas trade.

LONDON & VANCOUVER.
Under the management of Mr. Hanbury these two popular bakeries are making a great bid for public patronage with much success. The show of toothsome Christmas goods is worthy of the reputation of the two bakeries and is appealing strongly to popular approval. All sorts of fine cakes and pastries suitable for Christmas feasts are to be had at the stores. The two bakeries make a specialty of Christmas cakes in every style.

B. WILLIAMS & CO.
The large show windows of Messrs. B. Williams & Co., the Yates street clothiers, are attracting a great deal of attention. A great number of colored electric lights enhance greatly the beauty of the display. The goods shown consist principally of some 260 dozen specially selected neckties, fancy vests and waistcoats, silk umbrellas, silk mufflers, smoking jackets, slippers and other articles suitable for Christmas gifts, the whole making a display second to none in the city. To Mr. S. G. Henderson, one of Messrs. B. Williams & Co.'s popular young salesmen, is due the honor of having dressed these show windows all the Parisian and London notions in perfumery, fancy soaps and ornaments usually found at first-class

SMITH & CHAMPION.
Anyone who thinks of making a present of something in the upholstery line can make no mistake by inspecting the windows of Messrs. Smith & Champion's store on Douglas street. The fine workmanship displayed in the various articles on view speaks for itself. There are no better specimens of upholstery turned out in this country.

MISS McCLUNG.
A very fine exhibit of high-class art ware is on view at Miss McClung's studio at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. Those in search of something really elegant and yet not too costly will do well to consult Miss McClung before making any decision.

TERRY & MARETT.
An up-to-date drug store is that conducted by Messrs. Terry & Marett at the corner of Fort and Douglas streets. They keep all the Parisian and London notions in perfumery, fancy soaps and ornaments usually found at first-class

No Grip, Pain

Or discomfort, no irritation of the intestines—but gentle, prompt, thorough cleansing, when you take

Hood's Pills
Sold by all druggists. 25 cents.

drug stores. Their windows are very prettily dressed for Christmas, and are attracting much attention.

W. G. CAMERON.
The popular Johnson street clothing store is doing a rushing Christmas trade, thanks to a specially selected stock and special prices. Always a favorite store with the dressy young men, Cameron's is now doubly so. Consequently there should be a good many well-dressed youths and men in Victoria on Christmas day.

ARTHUR HOLMES.
Men's and boys' wear in every style can be found at Mr. Arthur Holmes', corner of Broad and Yates. For the Christmas trade his windows have been very nicely and appropriately dressed, in a manner to attract plenty of custom. Mr. Holmes is a popular caterer to the Victoria public, and is enjoying a very fine Christmas trade.

LANCASTER CLOTHING STORE.
One of the most attractive clothing stores is that of I. Lancaster, of 23 Johnson street, opposite Stora street. Since the opening of the store, after having made extensive purchases for Christmas, consisting of men's and boys' clothing, neckwear, shirts, slippers, etc. This store is in a position to sell high-grade goods at special low prices on account of taking advantage of special discounts by paying spot cash. It would certainly pay you to visit this popular store and see what you can save by purchasing your Christmas presents there.

THE "PRETTIEST STORE."
That's the way a Victoria woman spoke of the Westside the other day, she added: "I have visited many of the nicest stores in Canada, both East and West, but must confess that for artistic, lovely things reasonably priced, the Westside fills a spot for Victorians as well as many of the establishments I have visited in cities three and four times as large. A particularly nice spot is the ground floor with its beautiful Christmas decorations of electric lights and evergreens." Thank you! The Westside hear words of that kind every day, and they appreciate them. The ladies are showing their appreciation by the generous trading that are doing just now in Christmas novelties.

JOHN COCHRANE.
For a really fine display of elegant novelties in perfumery, soaps, brushes and other articles carried by high-class drug stores a visit should be paid to Mr. John Cochrane's establishment, corner of Yates and Douglas. Mr. Cochrane has made a special effort this season of decorating his windows, and he has been eminently successful. The display must be ranked as one of the finest this season.

MRS. BICKFORD.
The ladies are flocking to see the fine display in Mrs. Bickford's windows, Fort street. It is a most attractive one, and gives one a good idea of the immense range of beautiful articles contained in the store itself. Mrs. Bickford is doing a splendid Christmas trade this season.

MRS. W. H. ADAMS.
At 78 Douglas street Mrs. W. H. Adams is making a very fascinating display of cushion tops, stamped linens and other articles peculiarly suitable for the season's trade. Many good suggestions for Christmas gifts may be found by paying a visit to Mrs. Adams' store.

HALL & CO.
Another fine drugstore window display is that of Messrs. Hall & Co., Clarence block at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets. They have certainly made the windows a pleasant sight for all passers-by, and no doubt such enterprise its its own reward in turning many a Christmas purchaser in to get present there.

WILBY'S.
This is one of the big depots that bulk largely in young Victoria's happy dreams about this time of the year. Wilby's is always full up to the times with all the Christmas novelties, and ready with a huge stock to meet the heavy demands made upon them.

R. A. BROWN.
An old-timer himself, Mr. Brown, the noted hardware merchant of Douglas street, knows what is wanted at this time of the year by the Victoria public, and has prepared a regular harvest of good things exactly suited to the Christmas present trade. His windows are very creditably dressed, and the samples of stock are such as to cause a very brisk trade. Mr. Brown is doing a rushing business this season.

People used to "look for work" by going from place to place and asking for it. It was just one of the "old ways." Nowadays the want ads do the "running about."

Dr. Deimel
(LINEN-MESH)
Underwear
Consider well what you wear next your skin. The old fashioned, itchy prickly garment that fairly made your flesh creep, does not protect half as well as the soft, warm, agreeable Dr. Deimel Underwear of Linen-Mesh.

Booklet telling all about it and the garments may be had at
W. & J. WILSON, ANGUS CAMPBELL & CO. AND LEADING DEALERS EVERYWHERE
TheDeimelLinen-Mesh C
(Originators of "Linen-Mesh").
2202 ST. CATHERINE ST.,
MONTREAL.

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Photographic Paper! Prints at Night
Permanent in Results! Simple in
Manipulation! to be had at

Barber Bros., 95 Government Street.

Christmas Presents

Gifts that delight the receiver; gifts that are useful, every one pretty; Comb and Brush Sets; Manicure Articles; Beautiful Mirrors.

Our Toilet Goods Department is a gem. Everything nice and fresh, and a complete stock from which to select.

HOLIDAY PERFUMES, in elegant cases, pretty and pleasing. Favorite odors of the world's best perfumers.

J. L. WHITE, & CO.,
People's Popular Prescription Pharmacy.
Phone 512.
30 and 32 Government St. Near P. O.

Written by Wellington.—A lady in the city has an autograph letter of the Duke of Wellington which she would be very willing to dispose of. It is rather and interesting and somewhat characteristic letter of the Duke, and should find a ready purchaser.

Don't forget a Pocket Knife for the boy. 15c. to \$1.75. Mustache Cups, 25c. to \$1.25. Shaving Mugs, 25c. and up. Berry Sets, \$1.75 and up. Water Sets, \$1.00 to \$1.75. Porridge Sets, 40c. to \$1.00. Pretty Tea Pots, 50c. and up. Call and see them at R. A. Brown & Co's, 80 Douglas street.

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ABOUT THE
Middle of
January, 1904

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Elegant and Costly
FURNITURE

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer

"Nothing New"

This is the remark made by many Xmas Shoppers. Permit us to solve the question and offer

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A block of the Western Medicine Company's shares at 10c., which will be worth 25c. next month would be a present worthy the appreciation of anyone. Our share certificates are works of art, too. The Western Medicine Co., is meeting with a measure of success far beyond expectations.

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Look Your Best on Xmas

Get a New Suit at
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The New Tailors.
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To clear out stock at
COST PRICE
Johnston's Seed Store

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All kinds of Laundry Work neatly and promptly executed.
Call and get price list.
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HOLLY!
Good Berried Holly for Shipping.

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Phone B700. 17 Broad Street. Near Fort.

FOR SALE
Two lots running from Rae street to Churchway; one half cash, balance on mortgage to suit purchaser.

Foul Bay road, lot 19, near Cadboro Bay road, one-half cash, balance on mortgage, S. PERRY MILLS.

New Designs

—OF—
MASON & RISCH
PIANOS

Artistic

ever produced by this celebrated firm. Easy terms. Special inducements for Xmas trade.

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The World's Best Table Water!
It's Equal Is Unknown!

Mixes perfectly with everything FROM MILK TO CHAMPAGNE.

Try It. At all grocers and wine dealers.

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Glove Certificates

When you wish to make the gift of a pair of gloves, you are confronted with the question of size and color. In nine cases out of ten you will select the wrong size, and if the size happens to be right, the color is wrong, and in the case of a gift there is a certain delicacy about exchanging.

Our Glove Certificate

Will obviate all these troubles. We will furnish you with a certificate that will entitle the holder to one or more pair of gloves. The recipient can call at our store, select the gloves wanted and have them fitted. A fine stock of gloves, for both ladies and gentlemen, and certificates issued in either case.

GEO. R. JACKSON,
57 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Don't be at a Loss

To know what to give for Christmas.

UMBRELLA OR A COAT.

They are always useful and acceptable. We have a beautiful selection of Gift Umbrellas

For Ladies and Gentlemen.

Novel and catchy designs in handles, Gold, Silver, Horn, Natural Wood, etc. Prices will suit you and your purse.

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Men's Furnishers & Hatters, 64 Government Street.

Lamps, Vases,

Tea and Dinner Sets,

Fancy China.

A large line, suitable for

XMAS PRESENTS

B. C. Furniture Co., = 66-68 Government Street

Few Christmas Suggestions

Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Gloves, Silk

Mufflers, Dress Protectors, Initial Handkerchiefs,

Knitted Vests, Silk Suspenders, &c.

Special by Express—"Neckwear"

We have the richest designs and most exquisitely

blended coloring in NECKWEAR this season

that possibly could be shown, direct from

London and Paris manufactures.

SEA & GOWEN

Hatters and Furnishers, 64 Government Street

A Man's Christmas

COME to a Man's Store for a Man's Things. We

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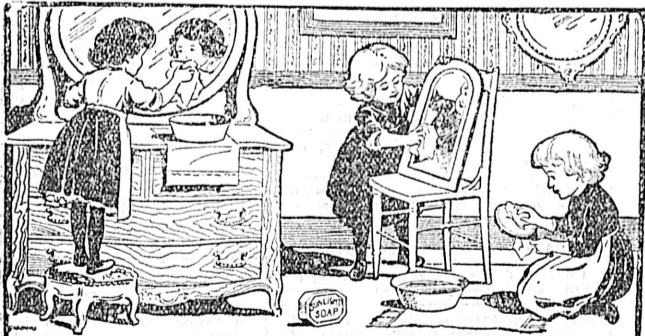
what Men like.

Overcoats, Suits, White Dress Vests, Tuxedo Suits, Smoking Jackets, Dress Suits, Dressing Gowns.

Again we say: "A Man's Store for a Man's Things."

ALLEN'S
Fit-Reform Wardrobe

73 GOVERNMENT STREET.



Sunlight Soap makes homes bright.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

should be used to clean your house as well as wash your clothes. It does twice the work of a common soap in half the time and with less labor. Don't take our word for it, but try it for yourself.

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Sunlight Soap Washes the Clothes White and won't Hurt the Hands.

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